provision of Rs. 150.00 crores has been made for setting up of PRDSF under the overall budget of Department of Science and Technology.

Special courts for environment related cases in Maharashtra

†2113. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued orders to open special courts in Maharashtra for speedy disposal of environment related cases;

(b) if so, the fresh steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) by when such special courts are likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has not issued any instruction to open Special Courts in Maharashtra for quick disposal of environmental cases.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inclusion of Ganga and Gangotri pilgrimage in Ganga Action Plan

†2114. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the place of origin of Ganga-Gangotri pilgrimage is also included in the Ganga Action Plan;

(b) if so, whether he is aware of the fact that thousands of pilgrims and Kanwarias going to Gangotri dump thousands of tones of grabage there every year;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has made any plan on the line of public movement going on in Uttarkashi to clean the Gangotri and to protect the glacier; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) No Sir.

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